

total premiums, or over \$600 million every year. That is a tremendous amount of savings—money that could be used to expand FEHBP benefits, increase the number of eligible employees, or lower premiums for FEHBP beneficiaries. Using its tremendous purchasing power, the Federal Government could help spur the health care industry to move to a completely paperless system for processing transactions in all government health programs as well as the private sector.

I urge my colleagues to join me in this effort to increase efficiency and reduce costs. Every American should have access to affordable health care, and this bill is one step towards making that a reality.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been rescheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing originally scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building will now be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 10 a.m. in the same room.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Energy Information Administration's 2006 Annual Energy Outlook on trends and issues affecting the United States' energy market.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Lisa Epifani 202-224-5269 or Shan-non Ewan at 202-224-7555.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony regarding S. 2197, to improve the global competitiveness of the United States in science and energy technology, to strengthen basic research programs at the Department of Energy, and to provide support for mathematics and science education at all levels through the resources available through the Department of Energy, including at the National Laboratories.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify

by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Kathryn Clay (202) 224-6224 or Steve Waskiewicz at (202) 228-6195.

#### AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Monday, February 6, 2006, at 2 p.m. for a hearing titled, "Hurricane Katrina: Managing Law Enforcement and Communications in a Catastrophe."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Executive Nominations" on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in Hart Senate Office Building Room 226. The hearing is expected to continue throughout the afternoon.

#### Witness list

Panel I: The Honorable Alberto Gonzales, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jesse Wald, a fellow on my staff, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of debate on S. 852, the Fairness in Asbestos Injury Resolution Act of 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the second 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee, and that the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 852, the asbestos bill.

I further ask that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the weekly party luncheon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will continue to debate the motion to proceed to S. 852, the asbestos bill. A few minutes ago we filed cloture on the motion to proceed, and that vote will occur at 6 p.m. tomorrow. There will be no rollcall votes until 6 p.m. tomorrow to accommodate those Senators traveling to Georgia for the funeral service of Coretta Scott King.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:14 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 6, 2006:

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

BENEDICT S. COHEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, VICE STEVEN JOHN MORELLO, SR., RESIGNED.

##### SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

ARMANDO J. BUCALO, JR., OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2008. (REAPPOINTMENT)

TODD S. FARHA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2006, VICE WILLIAM ROBERT TIMKEN, JR., RESIGNED.

TODD S. FARHA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2009. (REAPPOINTMENT)

##### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

ROBERT M. MCDOWELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS FROM JULY 1, 2004, VICE KATHLEEN Q. ABERNATHY, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MAURICIO J. TAMARGO, OF FLORIDA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. (REAPPOINTMENT)

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. GLENN F. SPEARS, 10212

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

##### To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DENNIS G. LUCAS, 9054

##### To be judge advocate general of the United States

MAJ. GEN. JACK L. RIVES, 0540

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE POSITION AND GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8037:

To be major general and to be the deputy judge advocate general of the United States Air Force

BRIG. GEN. CHARLES J. DUNLAP, JR., 5759

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be brigadier general*

COL. STEVEN J. LEPPER, 1477

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10 U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

COL. TRACY L. MORK, 7668

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTION 624:

*To be brigadier general*

COLONEL RONALD L. BAILEY, 2330  
COLONEL MICHAEL M. BROGAN, 2241  
COLONEL JON M. DAVIS, 8884  
COLONEL TIMOTHY C. HANIFEN, 3096  
COLONEL JAMES A. KESSLER, 4042  
COLONEL JAMES B. LASTER, 4280  
COLONEL ANGELA SALINAS, 8578  
COLONEL PETER J. TALLERI, 9793  
COLONEL JOHN A. TOOLAN, JR., 4023  
COLONEL ROBERT S. WALSH, 8100

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID J. DORSETT, 6326

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) ELIZABETH A. HIGHT, 7307

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) MARK D. HARNTCHEK, 5185

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) RICHARD E. CELLON, 1250  
REAR ADM. (LH) WAYNE G. SHEAR, JR., 3891

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN M. BIRD, 4297  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN T. BLAKE, 9104  
REAR ADM. (LH) FRANK M. DRENNAN, 9259  
REAR ADM. (LH) MARK E. FERGUSON III, 0136  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN W. GOODWIN, 7120  
REAR ADM. (LH) RICHARD W. HUNT, 0833  
REAR ADM. (LH) ARTHUR J. JOHNSON, JR., 1756  
REAR ADM. (LH) MARK W. KENNY, 5645  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOSEPH F. KILKENNY, 3925

REAR ADM. (LH) WILLIAM E. LANDAY III, 9427  
REAR ADM. (LH) DOUGLAS L. MCCLAIN, 4212  
REAR ADM. (LH) WILLIAM H. MCRAVEN, 3730  
REAR ADM. (LH) KEVIN M. QUINN, 3457  
REAR ADM. (LH) RAYMOND A. SPICER, 7586  
REAR ADM. (LH) PETER J. WILLIAMS, 1065

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR PROMOTION IN THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be rear admiral (lower half)*

CAPT. SEAN F. CREAN, 2112

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

ANDREW H. N. KIM, 5435

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

RENDELL G. CHILTON, 6614  
RICHARD L. COUFAL, 4434  
GEORGE J. DESIMONE, 8988  
MICHAEL L. ERNST, 7425  
JOHN R. FLANAGAN, 2966  
JOHN J. HALLORAN, JR., 1644  
LEE F. KNIGHT, 5280  
DOUGLAS W. LANE, 4258  
LLOYD D. OAKS, 2763  
DAVID J. OSINSKI, 2195